

GOSSIP BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT INTEREST YOU

LAKE COMO.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Lake Como, Pa., Dec. 26. A special watch night service will be held in the Lake Como M. E. church on New Year's eve, beginning at nine o'clock. The service will consist of a special sermon by the pastor, Rev. William S. German, entitled "Over Life's Turbulent Sea," which is the second of the series of sermons which commenced last Sunday evening. The sermon will be followed by an old-fashioned Love Feast.

The Ladies' Aid society held a Bazaar and supper in the church hall on Friday evening. Fancy articles were on sale for the holidays.

Miss Hattie Kingsbury visited friends in Scranton last week.

Miss Inez Knapp of Equinunk, spent Christmas at her home here.

Miss Mame Higgins, of New York city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. Jones.

Mrs. Hiram Geers spent Friday and Saturday at Starlight.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Jessie Sherwood, of Preston.

Rev. German and family attended the Christmas exercises at Lakewood Saturday night.

STERLING.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Sterling, Pa., Dec. 26. On the 13th the Ladies' Aid met for dinner with Mrs. P. W. Gillner and there was a fine turnout and everything passed off very nicely.

The Grand Army men held a meeting on the 15th and elected their officers.

Floyd J. and Earl V. Cross are taking a dental course at the University of Pennsylvania, but are now home on a vacation.

Ethel Simons is a student at the S. N. S. at Bloomsburg but is now spending her vacation at home.

Prof. G. R. Reimer goes to Stroudsburg and Pearl Green returns to her home.

This afternoon at the high school building Rev. W. E. Webster gave us a very interesting talk on "Oysters," and as he knew what he was talking about his remarks were very interesting. At the conclusion of the exercises all adjourned to the basement of the church and practically demonstrated what oysters were good for. Thanks!

While on school matters we should like to ask some of our correspondents why a Baptist minister, Rev. F. L. Hartford, who is a school director, should be criticised for being a judge at a preliminary oratorical contest and Dr. A. J. Simons, of Newfoundland, who is also a school director, should be more acceptable? We had the pleasure of hearing the oratorical contest in the Sterling M. E. church and supposed the judges' decision was based on the merits of the speakers, and so far as first honors were concerned and Lowell Cross, the final contest at Honesdale showed the judges made no mistake.

INGLEHART.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Inglehart, Pa., Dec. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Betz and daughter, of Lava, were callers at Welcome Lake last week.

Mrs. Mary Skinner returned to her home Thursday at Lava.

The children of Berlin school gave a very nice entertainment Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bechloff, of Narrowsburg, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Brinkman.

Paul Branning, of Equinunk, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Branning.

Marsell Branning and Jesse Decker were moving Fred Wood and family from Honesdale to this place on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Case died at their home on Monday morning, the 18th, and was buried at Indian Orchard Wednesday.

George Branning made a business trip to Callicoon on Tuesday.

TYLER HILL.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Tyler Hill, Pa., Dec. 26. The Tyler Hill Union Sunday school held its Xmas exercises Saturday evening. There was a very good attendance and the school acquitted itself creditably.

The Damascus Baptist Sunday school celebrated Christmas with appropriate exercises at the church on Sunday morning.

Perry Gregg, Abrahamsville, spent Saturday night with relatives here.

Irving Peck is entertaining a nephew from the city.

Lewitt Griffith, who has been schooling himself in Temple University, Philadelphia, is home for the holidays.

K. P. Johnston has received word from Boston, Mass., that his brother, Timothy, who has been in the employ of the Boston & Maine railroad for some time, is going to cross the continent and sojourn for some time in California. This step he is taking on account of poor health. Not long since another brother, Andrew, moved from California to Massachusetts.

The Swendsen family reunion and Xmas spread took place at the home of Adam Swendsen of Milanville on Sunday last.

Selah Oliver and Charles Mitchell have returned from the vicinity of Howells, N. Y., where they have been employed.

Patrons' Day was observed at the High school on Friday afternoon. A debate on whether Reciprocity be-

tween the U. S. and Canada would be advantageous to the United States resulted in a victory for the affirmative.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eglar and children, Margaret and Gertrude, of New York, are visiting Mrs. Eglar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler.

Pearl Tyler, who is spending the winter in Hancock, is home for the holidays.

Robert Mitchell of West Chester State Normal School, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mitchell.

Chester Ross, who is teaching school in southern Pennsylvania, is visiting relatives here.

A new storm door has been built on the parsonage porch.

Rev. R. D. Minch preached at Calkins Sunday evening.

STEENE.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Steene, Pa., Dec. 26. Much credit is due to our teacher, Miss Cora Miller, for the splendid Christmas exercises that her pupils rendered here Friday afternoon. The programme from beginning to end was rendered without a flaw. The programme was as follows:

A Xmas Speech.....John Oberly

A Swedish Legend.....Florence Wood

Santa's Letter.....Mary Haydock

The Xmas Ship.....Alfred Hogenkamp

Sharing With Others, Ella M. Swingle

I Wonder.....George Haydock

The Holy Stockings.....Edith Haley

A Xmas Song.....Annie Oberly

Santa Claus' Accident.....Kathryn Wood

Jack's Combination Holiday.....Russell Barnick

Kitty's Xmas.....Mike Haydock

I Don't Care.....Russell Swingle

Drawing the Snow-Man Picture.....

By three Girls and three Boys

Santa Claus' Secret.....Ethel Hunt

Hard Times For Georgie.....Leon Short

A Letter to Santa Claus.....May Haydock

What Little Folks Might See On Xmas Eve.....John Barnick

Santa's Choice.....Florence Wood

Santa's Sleigh.....Mike Haydock

The Best Man.....Russell Swingle

Kris Kringle.....Edith Haley

Santa's Cake.....Ethel Hunt

A Xmas Carol.....Kathryn Wood

Fred's Xmas Shopping.....Alfred Hogenkamp

At the close of the exercises the beautiful Christmas tree where every pupil was remembered by their teacher, also the teacher being remembered by some very useful and handsome gifts by the pupils.

Mrs. Bobolink is very proud of her handsome gold watch and chain presented by her mate as a Christmas present.

Mrs. J. E. Haley and daughter, Mrs. Roy Spangenberg, is spending the holidays with friends at Deposit, N. Y.

Roy Arnold and wife, Scranton, are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold.

Miss Hattie Miller, Fairview, visited friends here last week.

Miss Ester Ace, Fairview, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Charles Miller, Fairview, visited the "Link" and Mate last week.

It is expected that Leon's best girl will receive a handsome Xmas present as he has made another capture—a fine milk—which makes two inside of ten days.

Last Saturday morning J. E. Haley received a notice from the sheriff of Wayne county to appear in his own proper person at the court house in Honesdale on Monday, January 8, 1912, to serve as a grand juror.

Mr. Wilkon, paper hanger and decorator of Waymart, is certainly doing a fine job to the interior of our chapel here.

The Misses Kathryn and Florence Wood are spending the holidays with friends at Wilkes-Barre.

BETHANY.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Bethany, Pa., Dec. 26. Miss Lulu Erhardt, sister of Mrs. Bierly, who has been spending several weeks at the parsonage for the benefit of her health, returned to her home in Tyrone for Christmas.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas tree exercises in the M. E. church Saturday evening. Thirty-seven took part; the singing, dialogues and exercises were a credit to their teachers, Mrs. Bierly, Mrs. John Smith and Miss Alice Ward, who was the organist. The choir consisted of Mrs. Ira Bryant, Mrs. John Smith, Miss Alice Ward, Messrs. Fred Hauser and Russell Starnes with Miss Starnes as organist rendered several Christmas selections. After the exercises and benediction gifts were distributed from the tree which stood to the left of the platform. Many were remembered by their friends. The pastor, Rev. Bierly received a purse of eighteen dollars. The sexton, Mr. Doney, received a very nice sweater from the ladies of the church.

Dr. Harry Many is spending some time in Maryland.

Miss Florence Blake of Kinsington Hospital, Philadelphia, came Friday evening to spend the holidays at her home here.

Miss Anna Layo, New York, came Saturday to spend the holidays at the Lavo home.

Mrs. Harry Many and sons left Friday to spend several days in Honesdale with relatives.

Mrs. Lavinia Pethick spent Christmas in Hawley with her son, Harry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and

three children and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and two little girls made up the family gathering at Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith's, Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Bennett and family ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Buel Dodge, in Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Blake, Miss Blake and Dorothy Sands joined the Moose family at Pleasant Mount, Christmas.

William Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pethick spent Christmas in Carbondale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starnes had a family reunion at their home on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gammell entertained the following for Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gammell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Kimble and family, Miss Alice Ward, Ella and Doris Blake.

Mrs. Henry N. Miller, our efficient postmistress for the last dozen years and who has resigned her office to take effect the first of January, had a family reunion at her home for Christmas. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Paynter and daughter of Carbondale, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seifarth and daughter of Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fitze and children spent Christmas at the Hauser home.

Rev. and Mrs. Bierly and son, Meyer, ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hauser. Their other guests were Mrs. George Robertson and Miss Mattie Strongman of Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Faatz and son, Charles spent Christmas with Mrs. Faatz's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cott, near Wilkes-Barre.

Howard Johns, Jr., of Carbondale, came Tuesday to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johns.

HOLLISTERVILLE.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Hollisterville, Pa., Dec. 26. After all, old mother earth decked with snow, makes it appear like Christmas time.

The Christmas entertainments in both the M. P. and M. E. churches were largely attended, and excellent programs were rendered.

The sermon by Rev. A. R. Reichert, in the M. P. church on Sunday morning on the theme, "The First Christmas," was listened to by a very attentive and appreciative audience.

Miss Nellie Hollister is spending her Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Van Camp, at the Scranton hospital, where she underwent a serious operation. She is slowly improving.

The audience at the entertainment at the M. P. church last Saturday evening received a treat in the form of a German duet by the pastor and wife.

By the falling and exploding of a hanging lamp in the barber shop of Herbert Reichert, the house was set on fire, and was only saved from being destroyed by hard work of the family. With the exception of the scorching of a few chairs, no damage was done.

Mrs. Edith Potter spent her Christmas with her parents at Nobletown.

Miss Nellie Hollister will spend a few days in New York city this week.

Rev. A. R. Reichert will begin a series of revival meetings at the Union church next Sunday evening.

The Hollisterville correspondent wishes everybody a very happy and prosperous New Year.

As we lay down our pen for the year 1911 we would say in the words of the writer, James Lucas:

Come, let us anew our journey pursue.

Roll round with the year,

And never stand still till the Master appear.

His adorable will let us gladly fulfill.

And our talents improve.

By the patience of hope, and the labor of love.

Our life is a dream; our time, as a stream,

Glides swiftly away.

And the fugitive refuses to stay,

The arrow is flown, the moment is gone;

The millennial year

Rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.

O that each in the day of his coming may say,

I have fought my way through;

I have finished the work thou didst give me to do!

O that each from the Lord may receive the glad word,

Well and faithfully done!

Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne.

ARLINGTON.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Arlington, Pa., Dec. 26. John Pennell of Hawley, was home for Xmas.

Miss Bertha Finley is also home.

Miss Neville held a very entertaining Xmas entertainment at the school house on Friday.

Quite a few from this place attended the oyster supper at Lakeville on Saturday night.

Mark Killam, Jr., and Lester Carlton made a business trip to Honesdale on Wednesday last.

Miss Lulu Bidwell of Ariel, and Mrs. Dora Simons of Scranton, spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. J. L. Noble.

With you all a bright and Happy New Year.

—Irving B. Brown and Miss Flora C. Reafter were married in New York City on September 26.

The bridegroom is one of Honesdale's progressive merchants, while his bride is one of Hawley's fair damsels.

Sheriff-elect Frank C. Kimble took the oath of office Wednesday afternoon before Register and Recorder E. W. Gammell.

DREHER.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gearhart, a son, on Dec. 12. Mrs. Gearhart was seriously sick during her time of confinement, but she is getting along nicely. Dr. A. J. Simons was the attending physician assisted by Dr. Winters of Scranton.

Frank Fetherman, proprietor of the Newfoundland creamery, has recently purchased a building lot of Andrew Beesecker and will in the near future have erected on it a suitable residence. The lot adjoins the Wayne County Hotel and is conveniently near the creamery.

Mrs. J. R. Hause called on relatives and friends in Scranton last week and made a combination trip for business and pleasure.

Clyde Burrus has the foundation wall for the addition to his house erected and part of the frame work completed.

Otis Smith had his portable saw mill moved from the Spruks lumber tract, near Angels, to a tract in Greentown, Pike county.

Warren Akers and Charles Sheldrick each lost a horse last week from illness to old age.

Leslie Corey and Miss Crissie Blankenbush, both of Greentown, Pike county, were united in marriage on December 16, at the M. E. parsonage, Sterling, by Rev. W. E. Webster.

EQUINUNK.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Equinunk, Pa., Dec. 26. The Christmas vacation is here, bringing with it the home-coming of friends, its usual good cheer and festivities.

On Saturday eve the church was filled with people who assembled to listen to the Xmas program and share the fruit of the Xmas tree. The little people did remarkably well, exhibiting the excellent training they had received. Just before the close of the program the pastor, Rev. A. C. Tolley, gave a short talk in which he commended all who took part to make the evening's entertainment a success. Then the congregation arose in a body to show their appreciation of the effort put forth by Mrs. C. E. Woodmansee, Mrs. Erle Lord and Miss Hornbeck who had charge of the program.

Chas. De Lackner was in New York City on business the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Travilpiece and sons, of Paupac, are spending the week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Isaac Ludwig.

Willie Blaes is entertaining the mumps.

Florence Cuddihy, of Syracuse, and brother James, of Atlantic City, are spending their Xmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cuddihy.

Louis Woodmansee is home from Pennington Seminary, Pennington, N. J., for a two weeks' vacation.

Inez Knapp spent Xmas with her parents, Chas. Knapp and wife at Lake Como.

Our schools are closed for a week's vacation. Mr. Gillow and wife are spending the week with Lookout relatives.

Helen Slater is visiting her aunt at Galilee.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowels and daughters of New York City, are spending Xmas week with their many relatives here.

J. E. and F. S. Watson of Le Roy, N. Y., spent their Xmas vacation with their parents, J. S. Watson and wife.

J. E. Woodmansee is visiting at the home of his son, Callie.

Mrs. Hanford Knapp returned Thursday from a several week's visit with Binghamton and Kirkwood relatives.

The venerable W. M. Nelson, Miss Farley and Mrs. Hodge were entertained at dinner on Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Palmer.

Mrs. Finch, whose home is near Nichols, N. Y., is paying a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Rosabelle Pine is home from her school for a week's vacation.

Paul Branning is making his farewell visit to our town. He has accepted a position with the firm of Moore & Hoar of Ellenville, N. Y.

For the past four years he has been clerk and manager in J. W. Farley's general merchandise store. Paul has made many friends here and we all wish him success in his new position.

Lucie Kordman, who has been spending the past four months in New York City, is home.

Wm. Hornbeck and family of Hancock, spent Xmas at the home of J. K. Hornbeck.

Horton Lord was a guest of Long Eddy friends Xmas.

Erma Lent spent Christmas with her parents at Long Eddy.

Mrs. Lorenzo and children, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., are visiting at the home of her parents, H. Knight and wife.

The young people held their Xmas ball in Hadway's hall Monday evening. All report an excellent time.

HAWLEY.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Hawley, Pa., Dec. 27. James Lynch died early Monday morning in the State hospital, Scranton, after undergoing an operation for kidney trouble. Mr. Lynch was a former resident of Hawley. His son, Walter, is the operator at the tower and Mrs. Mallan, wife of the Main street confectioner, is a daughter.

Walter Sheeley, Port Jervis, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sheeley.

Prof. and Mrs. Mark Creasy are spending the holidays in Florida. They are in company with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hower. We understand Mrs. Hower owns a home in that state.

Frank Streeby, a glass cutter employed at Stroudsburg, is home for a short vacation.

Burgess R. W. Murphy made a business trip to Scranton on Wednesday.

Peter Nell is lying in a critical condition at his home on Main avenue. On Christmas day he was taken suddenly ill with what the physicians pronounced appendicitis. A specialist was called and an operation performed on Tuesday from which he rallied, but the chances for his recovery are not very encouraging.

The holiday week is passing along very pleasantly. In the majority of our homes are merry gatherings of sons, daughters and friends who hail from the various cities where they are employed, some as students and others in business.

Dreamland has a 5c vaudeville for

the week which is fully worth a quarter, which is drawing by houses, while the Hippodrome has talking pictures that the public find very entertaining.

"The Feast of Lights," rendered by the Baptist church Sunday evening was enjoyed by a good-sized congregation. The same evening the Lutheran church had their Xmas tree and exercises, both calling forth much praise.

Gussie Reafter, the young daughter of Henry Reafter, Jr., is ill at her home on Wayne Avenue.

Miss Martha Goodrich passed Christmas with her girlfriend friends the Misses Foote of Clemo. These three women, now in advanced years, were born at Hamlin, Pa., and were schoolmates. The reminiscences of those days must have been most pleasant.

The Sower Knitting Mill just completed made a brilliant showing Xmas eve. Situated on a high eminence, a blaze with electric lights for the first time, Xmas afternoon and evening a dance was held therein. The machinery was moved in last week and work will begin the first of the year.

Dr. G. T. Rodman has purchased the Eckbeck pony for his children.

Leonard Degrote died after a long illness at his home on Belmont Hill last Saturday. The funeral was held from his late home Tuesday afternoon. Rev. B. P. Ripley had charge of the service. Interment was made in Walnut Grove cemetery. Much sympathy is felt for his young wife who so keenly feels the loss of a kind husband who was also a kind friend and neighbor; a young man highly respected and whose early demise is deeply lamented by all of his acquaintances.

Mrs. Mary Kerr, an aged woman of Church street, whose death occurred during the past week, after several weeks' sickness of dropsical trouble, was buried Monday afternoon.